

**E-Mail (January 22, 2004) from Mike Sissenwine, NOAA Fisheries Science Director,
to Fisheries Regional Administrators and Science Directors**

Subject: FIS program support

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Greetings,

In November, ST hosted the first nationwide Fisheries Information System (FIS) meeting in Silver Spring. The purpose of the meeting was to have everyone come face to face, to understand the vision, mission, and goals of the FIS; share best practices; discuss business objectives; start Professional Specialty Groups; and figure out next steps. The vision and goals were clearly defined to meet business and technical requirements of the program. I thank all of you who supported this effort by sending your best people to participate in the meeting and contribute to the FIS initiatives.

We deal with data and quality data is paramount to meet the goals of the agency. Data management is essential to data quality and unified data information systems are the foundation to be able to answer the simple question such as: where, when, how each vessel harvested which species and how much was landed at what port.

The FIS program provides an excellent opportunity for all offices to improve data management process and setting up comprehensive policies and procedures for data collection, data processing, data integration, and reporting activities. I appreciate your continuing support for the FIS program and having your people participating in the FIS activities.

I urge all of you to support this project and assign the best expertise to assist the FIS development process, and authorize your people's continuing support with the FIS active and development process.

Mike

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